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Patent Application

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In re Application of: OGAWA, et al.

Application No.: 10/823,970

Examiner: HOANG, QUOC DINH

Filed: 04/13/2004

Art Unit: 2818

Confirmation No.: 5318

FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A PAD METAL LAYER AND A LOWER METAL LAYER THAT ARE ELECTRICALLY COUPLED, WHEREAS APERTURES ARE FORMED IN THE LOWER METAL LAYER BELOW A CENTER AREA OF THE PAD METAL LAYER

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  
(SUBSECTION(B) OF 35 U.S.C. § 132)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under a filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted (copy enclosed)
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/ reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Extension of Term**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEES DUE**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEES
Basic Application Fee					\$790.00
Total Claims	5	Minus 20=	0	X \$50 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus 3=	0	X \$200 =	\$0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$790.00</b>

**PAYMENT OF FEES**

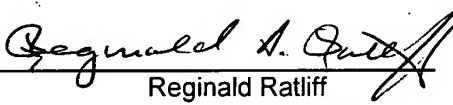
1. The full fee due in connection with this communication is provided as follows:
- [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 50-4160.  
A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

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